Enclosure (i) to the Memorandum.

THE PALACE, BANGALORE,
21*st August* 1919.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I enclose for Your Excellency's perusal a copy of the communication which I have sent officially to the Government of India in the matter of the annual subsidy of Rs. 35 lakhs which my State is paying to the Supreme Government, and ask Your Excellency to give a generous and sympathetic consideration to the representation contained in it.

I do not propose to repeat the facts and arguments contained in the Durbar's Official Memorandum and letter, and I trust that Your Excellency will find that a strong case has been made out in favour of the claim. I would content myself with asking Your Excellency, as an experienced statesman, to regard this question, not merely as a financial one, important though that may be, but in its wider aspects as involving the position and prestige of my State.

There are one or two considerations in regard to this question which, for obvious reasons, can be appropriately placed before Your Excellency only in a private letter.

The subsidy was imposed for good and sufficient reasons over a hundred years ago and it was continued in 1881, more perhaps because it formed one of the provisions of the earlier treaty than for any actual necessity. The position has entirely changed since then, and at the present moment, when even the Indian Constitution is likely to be radically changed, Mysore may reasonably ask whether the subsidy which is a relic of the bygone days of Subsidiary Treaties, is to be levied in perpetuity or whether in this instance, the settlement of 1799 cannot be modified to suit new facts and new conditions.

There is another aspect of the matter which, though not of immediate interest, may also be taken into consideration in arriving at a decision. Proposals for the reform of the Indian Constitution are now under consideration and whatever ultimate shape they may take, a change in the existing condition of things even as regards the Government of India is by no means an impossible contingency. I would earnestly ask Your Excellency to consider how far it would be consistent with the status and dignity of a State like Mysore, to continue paying the tribute under altered conditions. Surely, it would be a wise policy to face a future such as I have foreshadowed, and to place the Indian States in a position more in accordance

with their real status and importance. The abolition of the subsidies would be the first and most essential step towards eliminating the position of subjection, now imposed on Indian States.

With kindest regards,

Your Excellency's sincere friend,

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